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## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

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*To Hon. Payne Ratner, Governor, and the State Board of Regents:*

DEAR FRIENDS—I take pleasure in giving you this very brief report of our school's progress, which I shall present in an informal way. This little book is offered to the public with confidence that their reaction will insure a more personal interest in both the present and future of our young people who are handicapped by blindness but who succeed in spite of their grave difficulties.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS OLIVE I. THOMPSON, *Superintendent.*





# SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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The primary aim of the Kansas State School for the Blind is to qualify its visually handicapped pupils so that they may "take contributory places in a normal life." The content of the instruction corresponds with that offered sighted boys and girls. Every requirement set down by the State Board of Education is or will be, within the next year, adequately met. In addition to our eight grades we maintain a four-year accredited high school which recently has been given a "B" Class rating by the State Board of Education. We feel justly proud of this achievement.

Much attention is paid to physical, industrial, and commercial training, and to music—this in addition to the literary work. No archaic methods of instruction are used. All the teachers keep apace with modern trends through advanced schooling, professional books and periodicals. Through the curricular and extracurricular activities of the school we strive to bring within the student's grasp every means whereby he may develop intellectually and socially. Our textbooks and supplementary books are the most modern available. Many fine magazines are Brailled, and these, with the aid of radios and talking book machines, bring to our pupils modern literature, current events, and the finest music in the world.

We feel that each child has every right to social development. The handicap of blindness itself is obstacle enough, but when lack of the social graces accompanies it, the double handicap is overwhelming. So we emphasize the value of making one's self acceptable to all by teaching table manners, how to make a good appearance, how to meet people, how to dance, and many other primary functions of social life inside and outside the school.

In any school for blind children, training in muscular coördination is fundamental. Therefore, one cannot overemphasize the value of the vocational and remedial training given each child from the primary through senior high school.

Many improvements are planned for the coming year. Courses in economics and sociology are being added to the curriculum. New luminars are to be installed in the literary, home economics, and commercial departments. Nineteen hundred dollars is being expended for new Braille books. This means that nearly five thousand dollars worth of Braille books will have been added to the library by 1941. Federal funds were used for this purchase. All of this will make for an enriched curriculum presented in an environment conducive to preservation of sight.

## SUMMER SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

Each year during June and July, the Kansas State School for the Blind conducts a summer school for adults handicapped in vision, as there are many persons who lose their sight after they are grown. During summer school we teach them to read and write Braille, use the typewriter and dictaphones and many special crafts that make them useful, independent citizens.

The principal of our summer school is also the field representative of the State School for the Blind. This dual position is an inseparable one as many projects are begun during June and July which must be completed in the homes of our blind folks.

## FINANCIAL STATISTICS

TABLE No. 1.—Appropriations for fiscal years ending June 30, 1939, and June 30, 1940.

	1939	1940
Salaries and wages:		
Reappropriated for fiscal year.....	\$244.14	\$498.65
Appropriated for fiscal year.....	32,000.00	32,000.00
Totals .....	\$32,244.14	\$32,498.65
Expended during fiscal year.....	31,745.49	31,786.43
Unexpended balance June 30.....	\$498.65	\$712.22
Maintenance and repairs:		
Reappropriated for fiscal year.....	\$418.78	\$3,558.75
Appropriated for fiscal year.....	24,000.00	24,000.00
Totals .....	\$24,418.78	\$27,558.75
Expended during fiscal year.....	20,860.03	20,766.62
Unexpended balance June 30.....	\$3,558.75	\$6,792.13
Fees:		
Unexpended balance June 30.....	\$1,489.05	\$1,652.74
Received and remitted to treasurer.....	5,070.06	4,295.71
Totals .....	\$6,559.11	\$5,948.45
Expended during fiscal year.....	4,906.37	4,694.66
Unexpended balance June 30.....	\$1,652.74	\$1,253.79
Books:		
Reappropriated for fiscal year.....	\$272.03	\$212.13
Appropriated for fiscal year.....	.....	250.00
Totals .....	\$272.03	\$462.13
Expended during fiscal year.....	59.90	295.63
Unexpended balance June 30.....	\$212.13	\$166.50
Summer school, adult blind:		
Reappropriated for fiscal year.....	\$404.88	.....
Appropriated for fiscal year.....	6,500.00	\$6,500.00
Totals .....	\$6,904.88	\$6,500.00
Expended during fiscal year.....	6,822.19	5,828.86
Unexpended balance June 30.....	\$82.69	\$671.14
Summer school miscellaneous supplies:		
Appropriated for fiscal year.....	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Expended during fiscal year.....	1,164.44	1,199.89
Unexpended balance June 30.....	\$35.56	\$0.11
Repair and permanent improvements:		
Reappropriated for fiscal year.....	.....	\$442.81
Appropriated for fiscal year.....	\$1,000.00	1,000.00
Totals .....	\$1,000.00	\$1,442.81
Expended during fiscal year.....	557.19	1,438.92
Unexpended balance June 30.....	\$442.81	\$3.89
Playroom equipment:		
Reappropriated for fiscal year.....	\$420.01	\$509.73
Appropriated for fiscal year.....	500.00	.....
Totals .....	\$920.01	\$509.73
Expended during fiscal year.....	410.28	19.71
Unexpended balance June 30.....	\$509.73	\$490.02

Fire escape and special repairs:	1939	1940
Reappropriated for fiscal year.....	\$571.74	.....
Expended during fiscal year.....	571.74	.....
Special fuel and freight:		
Appropriated for fiscal year.....	\$3,000.00	\$2,250.00
Expended during fiscal year.....	3,000.00	2,242.28
Unexpended balance June 30.....	.....	\$7.72
Recapitulation:		
Total amount appropriated .....	\$68,700.00	\$67,200.00
Total amount collected.....	5,070.06	4,295.71
Totals .....	\$73,770.06	\$71,495.71
Total amount expended.....	66,777.00	61,398.19
Unexpended balance June 30.....	\$6,993.06	\$10,097.52
Unused, returned to treasurer.....	118.25	4.00
Actual balance to be reappropriated.....	\$6,874.81	\$10,093.52

TABLE No. 2.—Receipts and disbursements of fees for fiscal years ending June 30, 1939, and June 30, 1940.

	1939	1940
Unexpended balance at beginning of year.....	\$1,489.05	\$1,652.74
Received and remitted to treasurer:		
Board and care of patients.....	679.00	604.50
Sale of sundries and rebates.....	4,363.26	3,581.31
Pay roll refunds.....	27.80	109.90
Total to be accounted for.....	\$6,559.11	\$5,948.45
Expended for salaries and wagees.....	\$2,510.95	\$1,221.32
Expended for property, not including repairs.....	2,130.78	2,835.49
Expended for ordinary repairs.....	264.64	637.85
Unexpended balance June 30.....	1,652.74	1,253.79
Total amount accounted for.....	\$6,559.11	\$5,948.45

TABLE No. 3.—Fuel account for fiscal years ending June 30, 1939, and June 30, 1940.

	1939	1940
Coal:		
Freight on coal paid from appropriation to Board of Administration .....	\$3,000.00	\$947.53
Purchased and paid for out of M. & R.....	316.02	21.00
Totals .....	\$3,316.02	\$968.53
Number of tons.....	1,160.87	238.98
Average price per ton.....	2.80	2.83
Gas:		
Purchased and paid for out of M. & R.....	\$63.65	\$62.50
Number of thousand feet used.....	780	702
Gil:		
Freight on oil paid out of appropriation to Board of Administration .....	.....	\$1,294.75
Purchased and paid for out of M. & R.....	.....	1,605.96
Totals .....	.....	\$2,900.71
Number of gallons used.....	.....	1,570.89
Average price per gallon.....	.....	\$0.01866

TABLE No. 4.—Revolving funds for fiscal years ending June 30, 1939, and June 30, 1940.

	1939	1940
Cash in hand of superintendent:		
Revolving funds .....	\$500.00	\$500.00

TABLE No. 5.—Private money of patients or inmates, fiscal years ending June 30, 1939, and June 30, 1940.

	1939	1940
On hand July 1, 1939.....	\$7.54	.....
Received during biennial period.....	470.12	.....
Withdrawn during biennial period.....	.....	\$470.23
On hand July 1, 1940.....	.....	7.43
Totals .....	\$477.66	\$477.66

TABLE No. 6.—Purchase and issue of stores for the biennial period ending June 30, 1940, including ordinary and extraordinary repairs and improvements, maintenance and repairs and fees.

	1939	1940
Stores on hand and paid for at beginning of year:		
Commissaries .....	\$1,652.66	\$1,305.39
Property .....	2,098.12	2,246.13
Purchased and paid for during year:		
Commissaries .....	13,875.28	10,442.10
Property, not including repairs.....	2,253.81	4,973.08
Ordinary repairs .....	2,047.78	1,425.61
Extraordinary repairs and improvements.....	.....	3,713.82
To be accounted for .....	\$21,927.65	\$24,106.13
Issued during the year:		
Commissaries .....	\$13,288.31	\$15,817.16
Property, not including repairs.....	3,037.94	2,042.23
Ordinary repairs .....	2,049.88	1,831.38
Extraordinary repairs and improvements.....	.....	1,445.50
Remaining on hand and paid for at close of year:		
Commissaries .....	1,305.39	546.97
Property .....	2,246.13	2,422.89
Total accounted for.....	\$21,927.65	\$24,106.13



TABLE No. 7.—Classified report of purchases and issue from maintenance and repairs and fees, showing per capita cost based on the number of inmates—  
107 first year, and 103 second year

FIRST YEAR.		Balance.	Purchased.	Per capita.	Issued.	Per capita.	Balance.
Books, stationery, postage, telephone and telegraph, office supplies and general expense.....		\$185.13	\$1,405.71	\$13.65	\$1,388.83	\$12.98	\$202.01
Commissaries.....		377.83	12,784.34	124.12	12,645.81	118.19	516.36
Clothing, bedding, dry goods, etc.....		326.60	105.42	1.02	370.66	3.46	61.36
Household, laundry and kitchen supplies.....		133.51	223.13	2.16	330.23	3.08	26.41
Fuel and light.....		979.08	4,718.56	45.81	5,697.64	53.25	.....
Ordinary repairs, tools, etc.....		1,182.74	1,709.93	16.60	2,587.13	24.18	305.54
Farm, garden, grounds, etc.....		.....	546.43	5.30	546.43	5.10	.....
Drugs, hospital supplies and miscellaneous.....		138.75	1,481.99	14.39	1,509.58	14.11	111.16
Capital outlay, extraordinary improvements and repairs.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals for the first year.....		\$3,323.64	\$22,975.51	\$233.05	\$25,076.31	\$234.35	\$1,222.84
Balance on hand June 30, 1939.....		.....	3,323.64	.....	.....	.....	.....
Balance on hand July 1, 1940.....		.....	3,323.64	.....	1,222.84	.....	.....
Total balances.....		.....	\$26,299.15	.....	\$26,299.15	.....	.....
SECOND YEAR.		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Books, stationery, postage, telephone and telegraph, office supplies and general expense.....		\$202.01	\$1,396.07	\$13.55	\$1,462.52	\$14.20	\$135.56
Commissaries.....		516.36	12,796.78	124.24	12,726.17	123.58	586.97
Clothing, bedding, dry goods, etc.....		61.36	1,367.12	13.27	454.41	4.41	974.07
Household, laundry and kitchen supplies.....		26.41	604.52	6.45	510.98	4.97	179.95
Fuel and light.....		.....	6,430.95	62.43	6,430.95	62.43	.....
Ordinary repairs, tools, etc.....		305.54	2,745.30	26.65	2,055.26	19.94	995.58
Farm, garden, grounds, etc.....		.....	284.23	2.76	189.33	1.84	94.90
Drugs, hospital supplies and miscellaneous.....		111.16	2,102.09	20.40	2,033.34	19.73	179.91
Capital outlay, extraordinary improvements and repairs.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals for the second year.....		\$1,222.84	\$27,787.06	\$269.75	\$25,862.96	\$251.10	\$3,146.94
Balance on hand June 30, 1939.....		.....	1,222.84	.....	.....	.....	.....
Balance on hand July 1, 1940.....		.....	.....	.....	3,146.94	.....	.....
Total balances.....		.....	\$29,009.90	.....	\$29,009.90	.....	.....

TABLE No. 8.—Total cost per capita, years ending June 30, 1939, and June 30, 1940.

	1939	1940
Average number of patients or inmates.....	107	103
Based on appropriations used:		
Salaries and wages, including fees.....	\$34,265.84	\$33,042.58
Maintenance and ordinary repairs, including fees.....	23,246.05	23,205.13
Totals .....	\$57,511.89	\$57,247.71
Per capita based on expenditures.....	537.49	555.57
Based on issues:		
Salaries and wages, including fees.....	\$34,265.84	\$33,042.58
Maintenance and ordinary repairs, including fees.....	23,246.05	24,205.13
Totals .....	\$57,511.89	\$57,247.71
Per capita cost based on issues.....	537.49	555.57
Total ordinary support based on issues; including issues of supplies paid for out of fees.....	\$57,511.89	\$57,247.11
Extraordinary repairs and improvements.....	20,860.03	20,766.62
Value of fuel purchased under special appropriation to Board of Administration .....	3,000.00	2,250.00
Value of work from state printer.....	549.22	201.91
Totals .....	\$81,921.14	\$80,465.64
Total support per capita .....	765.61	781.22
Total support* (current).....	\$81,921.14	\$80,465.64
Less fees collected and remitted.....	6,559.11	5,948.45
Actual cost of support.....	\$75,362.03	\$74,517.19
Actual cost per capita to taxpayer.....	704.31	723.46

\* Salaries and wages, maintenance and ordinary repairs, based on issues, and value of state printing.

TABLE No. 9.—Report of manufactures and repairs in the sewing room, on wards, etc., for biennial period ending June 30, 1940.

Articles.	1939		1940	
	Manu- factured.	Re- paired.	Manu- factured.	Re- paired.
Aprons .....	40	17	27	83
Blouses .....	...	90	...	103
Bed spreads .....	...	139	...	360
Bed ticks .....	...	8	1	6
Belts .....	...	1	...	...
Blankets .....	...	105	...	16
B. V. D.'s .....	...	107	...	154
Brassieres .....	...	39	...	44
Coats, house .....	...	7	...	12
Curtains .....	30	...	80	...
Coats .....	...	14	...	7
Cushion, leather .....	...	12	...	1
Curtains, shower .....	3	...	...	...
Dishcloths .....	2	...	15	...
Dresses .....	...	529	...	509
Dress skirts .....	...	26	...	54
Dresser scarfs .....	13	25	...	42
Foundation garments .....	...	14	...	6
Gloves .....	...	2	...	1
Gym suits .....	...	31	...	10
Jackets, leather .....	...	5	...	7
Hose .....	...	39	...	32
Middies .....	...	4	...	...
Napkins .....	54	...	...	...
Nightgowns .....	...	73	...	81
Nightshirts .....	...	3	...	11
Overalls .....	...	272	...	169
Pants, pairs .....	...	295	...	520
Petticoats .....	...	225	...	182
Pillows .....	...	41	...	10
Pillow slips .....	74	96	41	197
Panties .....	...	90	...	89
Pyjamas .....	...	454	...	394
Pillows, feathers changed.....	...	15	...	3
Robes, bath .....	...	6	...	...
Sheets, bleached .....	36	...	44	370

Articles:	1939		1940	
	Manu- factured	Re- paired	Manu- factured	Re- paired
Sheets, unbleached .....	...	207	62	...
Shirts, cotton .....	...	1,009	...	1,090
Shirts, under .....	...	83	...	22
Shorts .....	...	861	...	608
Socks .....	...	359	...	814
Smocks .....	...	21	...	5
Slacks .....	...	64	...	62
Stockings, Christmas .....	...	...	105	...
Sweaters .....	...	18	...	15
Tablecloths .....	...	10	32	21
Towels, crash .....	...	128	87	148
Towels, bath .....	49	142	...	380
Towels, tea .....	113	...	49	...
Tie backs .....	...	...	28	...
Vests .....	...	1	...	1
Underwear .....	24	...	...	90
Union suits .....	...	66	...	...
Wash cloths .....	24	...	116	...
Window shades .....	43	41	10	18

TABLE No. 13.—Boys' shop industry, fiscal years ending June 30, 1939, and June 30, 1940.

	1939	1940
Receipts from sale of:		
Brooms .....	\$3,227.08	\$2,929.11
Hammocks .....	6.40	3.50
Chair caning .....	51.45	20.00
Sundries .....	13.54	13.48
Totals .....	\$3,298.57	\$2,966.14
Assets on hand June 30:		
Brooms .....	\$235.50	\$170.50
Broom shop supplies.....	107.41	184.38
Totals .....	\$342.91	\$354.88
Total amount received.....	3,641.48	3,321.02
Amount paid out in shop.....	\$1,235.00	\$895.64
Paid out for broomcorn .....	279.78	569.64
Paid out for labor.....	1,078.61	1,036.60
Paid out for freight and express.....	103.74	176.52
Totals .....	\$2,697.13	\$2,678.40
Broom supply on hand July 1.....	687.48	354.88
Total paid out .....	\$3,384.61	\$3,033.28
Net profit .....	256.87	287.74

TABLE No. 14.—Total per capita cost of adult work for fiscal year ending June 30, 1940.

	1939	1940
Average number of students, summer school.....	99	97
Based on appropriation used:		
Summer school .....	\$6,822.19	\$5,828.86
Miscellaneous supplies, summer school.....	1,200.00	1,199.89
Totals .....	\$8,022.19	\$7,028.75
Cost per capita.....	81.03	72.46
Total support current .....	\$8,022.19	\$7,028.75
Less fees collected .....	394.36	461.19
Totals .....	\$7,627.83	\$6,567.57
Per capita cost to taxpayer.....	77.04	66.66











